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Endangered Species Updates

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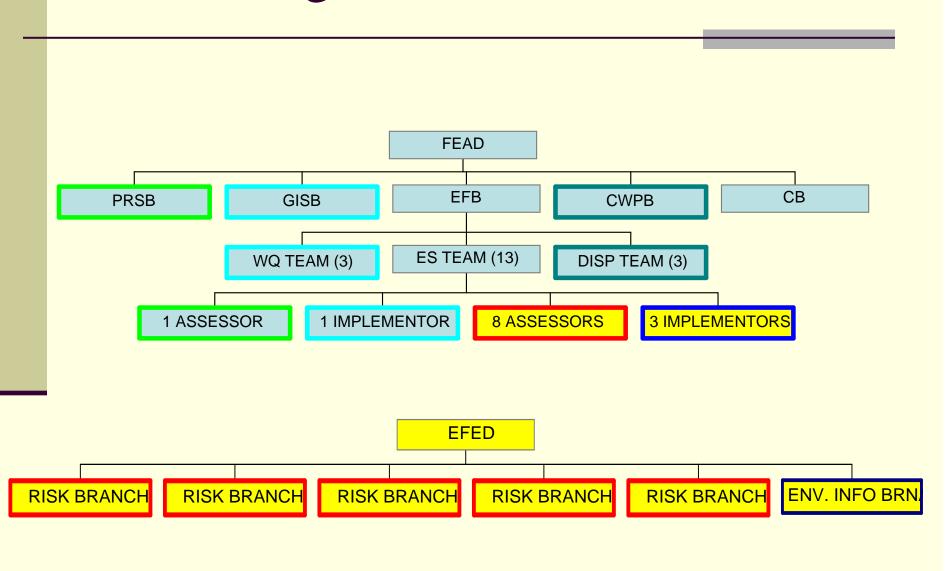
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Issues

- OPP organizational realignment
- Update
- '05 pesticides
- Status of litigation
- Risk mitigation and field implementation
- Candidate species announced this week

OPP realignment



Step document

- Procedural
- EPA's approach to risk assessment
- Tiered approach to assessing ecological risks
- Delineates information & sources necessary
- Identifies OPP divisions' and Services role in each step

Step document

- Step 1: Screening level assessment of potential risk: regulatory, risk assessment, support
- Step 2: Comparison of pesticide potential use area with species/habitat location: regulatory, risk assessment
- Step 3: Further data analysis, if pesticide use might potentially impact listed species or critical habitat: regulatory, risk assessment, Services
- Step 4: Identification and assessment of cumulative effects and preparation for consultation with Services, if necessary: risk management, risk assessment, Services

Pesticides for '05

For consideration to undergo full assessment:

9 Rodenticides

brodifacoum difethialone bromadiolone diphacinone chlorophacinone warfarin zinc phosphide bromethalin cholecalcifero

- Carbofuran
- Aldicarb
- Unnamed new chemical

Litigation status

- Washington Toxics Coalition
- Californians for Alternatives to Toxics
- Barton Springs salamander
- Red-legged frog
- Atrazine
- Counterpart Regulations

Risk mitigation & ESPP field implementation

- Federal Register June 2005
- Provides context on entire program (assessment, counterpart regulations, etc.)
- Generic label statement/ Bulletin approach
- Public participation

Bulletin distribution







Public participation

Details still under development

Commitment to publish specifics on web

Will coincide with standard processes, where possible

Candidate species

Candidate species are plants and animals for which the Service has sufficient information on their biological status and threats to propose them as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, but for which development of a listing regulation is precluded by other higher priority listing activities.